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PHILIP ROTH'S HOME ON THE MARKET

Roth died last year at 85, and his Litchfield County, Connecticut home and 150 acres is for sale for \$2.925 million. He lived primarily there from 1996 to 2001, writing *American Pastoral*, *The Human Stain*, and *I Married a Communist*. Afterwards, he split his time between there and NYC.

It's a three-bedroom clapboard built 1790 with many period details.

One room became a library with shelving in the middle. The books will go to **Newark Public Library**, and are not for sale. Likewise furniture and typewriter that were auctioned.

He socialized with **Arthur Miller**. Other noted residents of the area were **Dustin Hoffman**, **Graydon Carter**, and **Meryl Streep**.

See — **Candace Taylor**, "Philip Roth's Rural Home For Sale," *The Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 13, 2019, p.M2.



OBIT OF NOTE

Harold Bloom (1930-2019) Celebrated **Yale** English professor, author of 40 books, and stalwart defender of the Western canon. The self-declared "monster reader" could cover 1,000 pages an hour. He claimed to be able to recite all of **Shakespeare**, *Paradise Lost*, and the Hebrew Bible. He railed against authors of "The School of Resentment."

"I am your true Marxist critic following Groucho rather than Karl, and take as my motto Groucho's admonition, 'Whatever it is, I'm against it.'"

See — *The Week*, Nov. 1, 2019, p. 35.

Bernard Slade (1930-2019) began writing for stage, radio, and TV in the 1950s. He worked on *Bewitched*, and to his forever embarrassment, *The Flying Nun* (**Sally Field**). Seeing the **Cowsills**, mom and six children, singing on *The Tonight Show* in 1970, inspired *The Partridge Family*. **David Cassidy** became a teen idol.

His play *Same Time Next Year* is one of the world's most-produced plays. He followed with two more Broadway hits: *Tribute* with **Jack Lemon** and *Romantic Comedy* with **Mia Farrow** and **Anthony Perkins**.

See — *The Week*, Nov. 22, 2019, p.34.